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## Morwell Campus Newsletter

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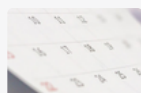
*Work Ethic | Engagement | Relationships | Excellence*

*Kurnai College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live and work, of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.*

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# Message from our Campus Principal



## Principal's Update

So that was 2022!

This year has been jam packed with so many great activities. We have had more camps than ever before. Our students have enjoyed getting out on excursions and having organisations and activities visit us at the school. They have focused back on learning in the classroom and are reporting a greater satisfaction with schooling than in the many years prior.

While classes from 2022 have been wrapping up, we have been lucky enough to welcome in some of 2023 already with new staff starting on board this week and last week.

Alanah Andrews has been with us since last week and is already starting to work hard as a member of our leadership, providing direction to our Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Program. Patrick McGrath is a familiar face to many of our students, having previously been at Morwell Central Primary School. We are lucky to have Patrick on our 2023 staff teaching PE and Outdoor Education. Shawna Miller has joined us for one day this week and comes on board in 2023 as an English and Humanities teacher. Rose Van Rooy, a Kurnai alumna,

returns to Kurnai in 2023 as a Maths and Science teacher. Shannon Heiberg, who has supported us as a relief teacher in recent weeks, also joins our staff in 2023 as a Maths and Science teacher. TJ Otieno has been working with our College in a variety of support roles throughout the year, and will stay on with us as a PE teacher next year. We are so excited about what this fabulous group will bring to our Campus and their start during Headstart has been exceptionally promising. We are continuing to hire more staff to support our growing student cohort!

It was great to get away to Gumbuya World on Friday again, and we're looking forward to repeating this event in our calendar next year. We

took a record number of students this year across the College. It is a fantastic way to wrap up the year and celebrate together and everybody had a great time.

I was also thrilled to see our new Year 7s join us for two days of Orientation this week. This is the largest cohort of

students that Morwell Campus has welcomed in a decade and they settled in fantastically over the last two days. We are absolutely positive that they will add personality and enthusiasm to our learning community and look forward to all they offer us in 2023.

With that, I'd like to thank our community for a great and successful 2022. I look forward to our partnership in 2023 when we aim to outdo our successes of this year. Onward and upward!

I wish all of our Learning Community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



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### Year 7 & 8 News



Welcome to the last of our newsletters this year! In today's edition I have asked our student leaders to write an article about the year that was, their year level's highlights, challenges and their biggest learnings throughout 2022. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our students who have all at times struggled to get through the school year; your perseverance and tenacity has been a pleasure to witness and support along the journey. For our Year 7 students, it only seems like yesterday that you arrived but since then you have worked together to create a really strong year level in which every single person can be themselves and work towards whatever goal they have set for themselves. The Year 8 students will be moving out of the Year 7/8 Subschoo and moving into Year 9. I know from speaking to their new leader, Mr. Johnson, he is excited for these students and the successes they will have next year. I wish them all the best in 2023 and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow into the young adults that they have become.

I would like to also wish everyone a happy holiday and stay safe over the long break.

Daniel Murphy

## Year 8 Student Leader Report

In 2022, the Year 8 students were lucky enough to do a range of activities, including camps, tech school excursion, BBQ youth, lunchtime activities, Halloween dress up, Man Cave, Girls' Day and Gumbuya World.

The two camps were Mill Valley Ranch and Camp Karoonda. At Mill Valley Ranch, we did variety of activities some of which were horse riding, mountain bike riding, crate climb, 9 Square, disc golf, horse trail ride, archery, initiatives, cooking, barn games and a scavenger hunt. We also did a lot of night activities: night hike, movies, more barn activities, and trivia. At this camp, the Year 8 student leaders had a say in everything we did including the camp itself. The camp was also free for all students to attend because of the good work we did throughout the year. At Karoonda, we did white water rafting, horse riding, disc golf, rock climbing, navigational hiking skills, low ropes, and movies. While students were not at camps, they also had fun doing different activities at school.

Throughout the first semester we went to the Tech School multiple times. Whilst we were there, we learnt a range of things doing various activities. These activities were Photoshop, virtual reality, coding robots, using microscopes and lots more. There were also activities for students to do during their free time which were arcade machines, four square, table tennis and time to just relax.

At school, we had barbeques for when we did well throughout the year and activities every day at lunchtimes consisting of basketball in the gym, dodge ball, naughts and crosses, multiple things in the library and lots of lawn games.

At the start of the year the boys had Man Cave where they did multiple things discussing men's mental health and being taught about us. There were also a lot of things to do in our spare time at Mancave which were various online games, table tennis, foosball, and a lot of board games.

Near the time of Halloween, the student leaders put together a Halloween dress up day which was one of many activities put together by the student leaders. This day was a fundraiser for our school HPV. There was a fashion show for the children that dressed up and they had a chance to win various prizes. They also did a lot of activities on the football field and games in the courtyard.

We would like to say a big thank you to the teachers and aides that provided us with the help and support that they have given us throughout the year, and we would also like to acknowledge all those teachers whom we did not have much this year but still were there when needed.

The Year 8s are looking forward to all the new opportunities in the coming year. They are also excited for all the new teachers and helpers that will be working with them next year. A lot of students are looking forward to the many new things that they shall experience in 2023.

This year the teachers have been welcoming every student at the door and giving brain breaks whenever needed and we will also have a positive primer to encourage students to engage with the work. Sometimes it can be funny; other times it can just be a video. When we do well in class we get a positive write up which means our parents get a message sent to their phone so they can see how well we are doing in class. So far, we have gotten 12616 KPA's for the year and 2155 KPA's for this term.

The student leaders of Year 8 would just like to give a final thanks to all teachers, students and helpers who have been cooperative throughout the year.

Written by Liam Duncan, Jai Osmond, Riley Robins and Harmonie Seddon

### **Year 7 Student Leader report**

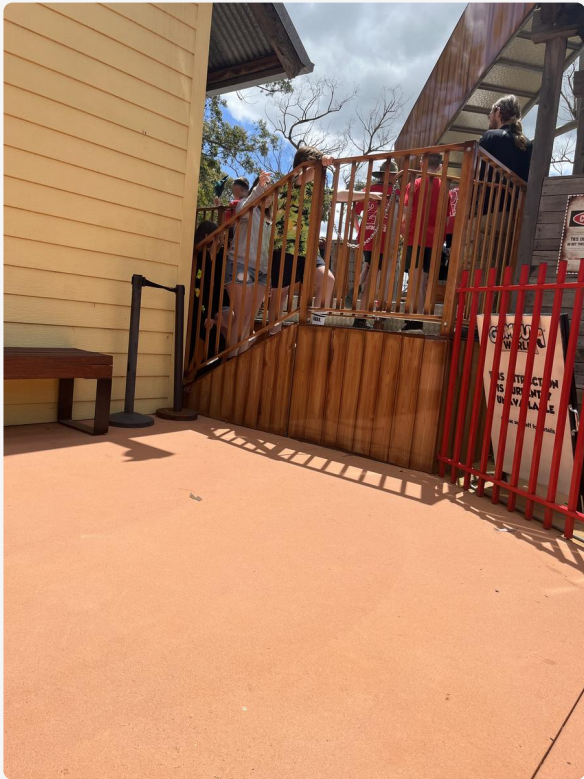
The Year 7 student leaders have put together this newsletter to inform our parents and guardians about this year and the wonderful opportunities this school has presented to us. So far throughout the year we have put together events within the school to donate to charities all around Australia. We have also contributed to the planning of the Portsea Camp that the Year 7s went on earlier this year.

At the start of the school year, the Year 7s transitioned to high school from primary school with the help from our teachers and the transition was put together quite well. Whilst some of the Year 7s were quite scared for the transition the teachers helped us with everything that we needed help with, which made us very relieved and excited for the upcoming year. On our first day of Year 7, the teachers at Kurnai were very helpful with our lockers as well as telling us where everything was. As the year went on, we become more independent and needed less support from the teachers.

As the year went on, we were given the opportunity to go on camps and excursions. The camps gave the Year 7s a chance to gain stronger friendships with their classmates as well as show independence and leadership through the activities that we participated in. For one of the camps, the Year 7s were given PBS goals that they had to reach to be given a free camp. As well as the camps, the Year 7s went on a few excursions including the Tech School and Gumbuya World. The Tech School gave the Year 7s more of an opportunity to learn more about some of the topics we were learning in school. Gumbuya World was a fun excursion celebrating what an amazing year it has been.

The Year 7s thank all of the teachers and advocates for helping us through our first year of high school.







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### Year 9 News

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Well the end of the year has arrived and we are all looking forward to Christmas, the holidays and a great summer break. What a year in 2022. No lockdowns and a full year of school. Two great Year 9 camps, one to an adventure park and one to the big smoke. This has been a wonderful return to full time, onsite learning and students have been adapting back to this full-time program. Congratulations to all of our award winners, but I would like to congratulate all students and families for their success in 2022.



So much has happened in the last few weeks and it is very exciting to see the 2022 Year 9 students develop into young adults with much more direction and purpose. The opportunities taken up by students are many and varied as student look towards the word of work and their possible future selves.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 in 2023 for these student means getting out into the working world with 2 weeks of work experience. This opportunity is so valuable as a learning opportunity and many students have already begun preparations and made enquiries. It is extremely important that all students take the time to explore possible work opportunities that they have a genuine interest in. This experience often informs the future decisions they make for themselves and helps students to build more purpose into their learning. Purpose increases resilience and determination to succeed and that in turn increases the quality and value of learning outcomes.



Any student or parent that wants more information should contact the school and message or talk with Alan in careers. Take control of your future by taking an active role in your personal development.

## **PATHWAYS**

Ten Morwell students have travelled to Kurnai University Campus for headstart to take part in the Pathways program which was designed to engage student in targeted practical learning opportunities. Students have taken to the program with a positive attitude and completed a wide variety of tasks they would not normally have had the opportunity to experience. The theme is developing basic skills in preparation for the working world. Plans for 2023 projects and personal development goals are very exciting.

## **EARLY ACCESS VCE**

Many students have now taken advantage of the Headstart at University campus with a single Unit 1 VCE subject. Students have incorporated travelling to Churchill, University Campus into their program and accessed a variety of opportunities to get ahead in their possible future VCE studies. Students I have spoken to have really enjoyed the wonderful and mature environment offered at the University Campus and are embracing it with enthusiasm.



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### Year 10 News



Have a Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year in 2023.



#### Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science and Numerack), Jessica Qu (Science, Life Skills and PBS Leader), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Heiberg (Maths, Numerack and Humanities) and Cassie Keevers (English and Humanities) and Denise Cairnduff (English and Health/ PE).

#### YEAR 10 FORMAL

Congratulations on completing Year 10. A number of students received awards for KLD awards and the Year Level award went to Tamsyn Mitchener. Congratulations!

A great night was had by all who attended. Huge thanks to The Italian Australian Club for all of their organisation and the great meal.



I am very proud of each and everyone of you. Good luck in the future!!

### Reminders

- Students will require a device (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be at school by 8:35 am.
- Students need to be in complete school uniform (please contact us if you need some support).
- NO MOBILES during school hours



# Calendar Of Events

<b>TERM 4</b>	
Friday 16th December	College Awards

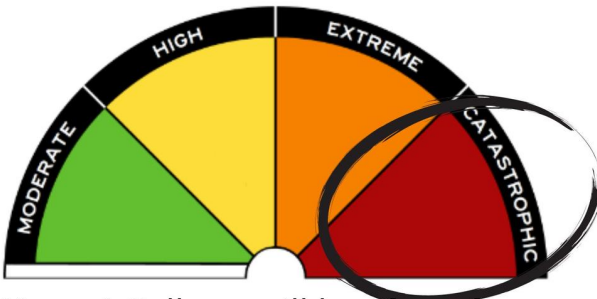
<b>TERM 1 2023</b>	
Friday 27th January	Staff Professional Development Day - no students
Monday 30th January	Staff Professional Development Day - no students
Tuesday 31st January	Students return to school



# School News

## EVERY DAY COUNTS ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses just ...	that equals ...	which is ...	and so, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
1 day a fortnight (90% attendance)	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1 ½ years of school
1 day a week (80% attendance)	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days a week (60% attendance)	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning
3 days a week (40% attendance)	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning



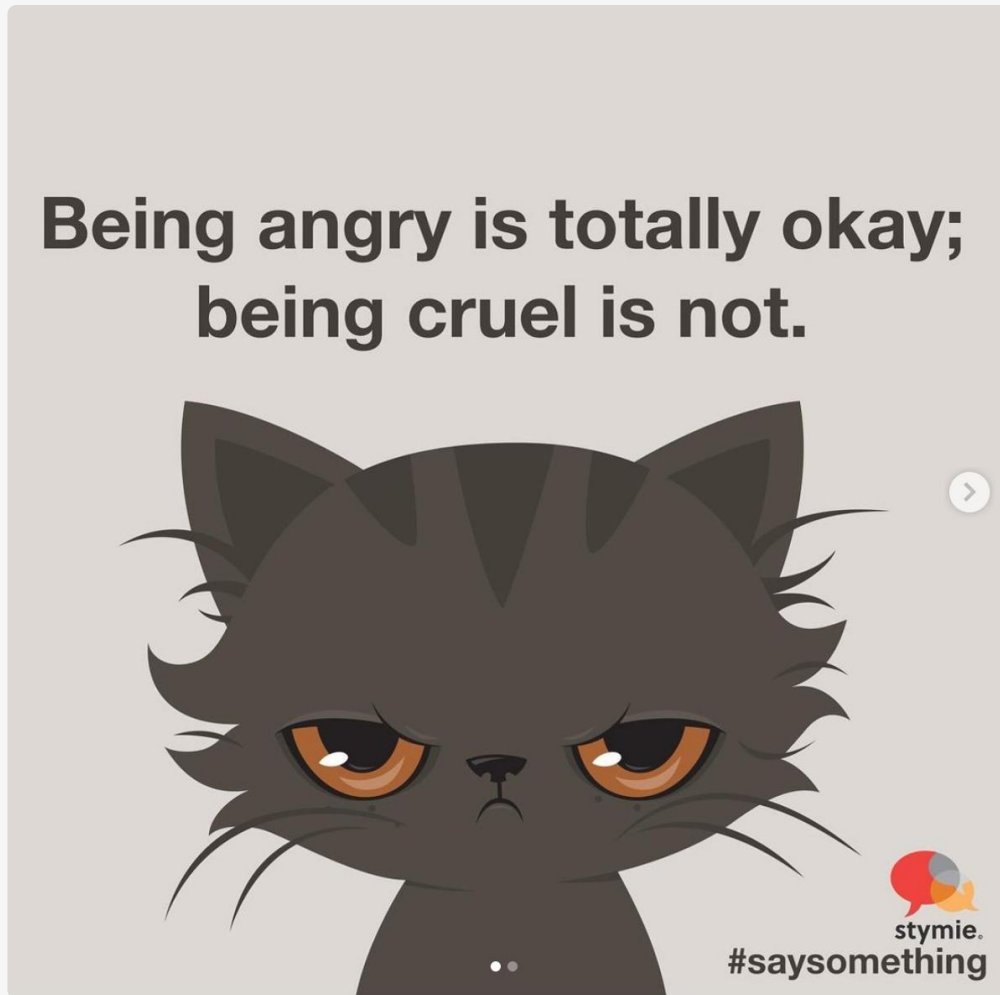
Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating

### Code Red Fire Danger

A reminder to all families, that on days of **Code Red** in the West & South Gippsland Fire Zone, all campuses will be closed.



This is a change to previous years, and we ask families to be aware of this in preparation to when Summer returns.





# Community News

## Need help with school costs?



Join this info session to learn how you can receive up to \$500 in matched savings by completing the Saver Plus program.

Eligibility criteria applies - visit [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)

### Your invitation to learn about Saver Plus

Free financial education and matched savings are within your reach.

As someone who is over 18 years, do you:

- Have a desire to save money?
- Want to receive up to \$500 once you've saved \$500 of your own?
- Want to gain quick and easy saving and money management tips?
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment?
- Have a form of household income?
- Have a child at school, starting next year or are you studying yourself?

If you answered yes to these questions, join our virtual information session.

**Every Wednesday at 1:00PM**

Contact Rick Pemberton Saver Plus Coordinator via  
[rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au)

Rick will email your calendar invitation or organise an individual information session to suit your needs. Otherwise, just jump right in using the following link. See you there!

#### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://berrystreet.zoom.us/j/96038747979?pwd=S2k4MHAzTUFJbzlWSTFKRjNhQ0pVUT09>

Meeting ID: 960 3874 7979

One tap mobile:

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# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

**saverplus**

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

		
laptops & tablets	uniforms & shoes	books & supplies
		
sports fees & gear	lessons & activities	camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

 Jade, Sharon or Richard

 [enquiriessp@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:enquiriessp@berrystreet.org.au)

 1300 610 355

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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

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